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The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents:

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-35991 - relates to historical information recording apparatus and a product provided thereof. It discloses that the historical information of the distribution channel of products is recorded.

2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-48066 - relates to a life cycle management method, a life cycle management system and a product. It discloses a method for managing the life cycle from manufacturing of the product to scrapping thereof, and determining whether to recycle or scrap the product.

3. Microsoft Corporation, "Microsoft Windows 98 Resource Kit", ISBNI-57231-644-6, pages 1183, 1213 and 1265 (1998) - Chapter 5 entitled "System Management" explains management tools, management of a device, and support of the application, and explains a management method using an OS.

The relevance of documents 1 and 2 is also discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.

Also, an English-language abstract of each documents 1 and 2 is enclosed.

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	Microsoft Corporation, "Microsoft Windows 98 Resource Kit", ISBNI-57231-644-6, pages 1183, 1213 and 1265 (1998).

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